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## SMALL GRAINS – SEPTEMBER 2015

### ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

**All wheat** production in Arizona, estimated at 14.35 million bushels, is up 57 percent from 2014, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. All wheat yield was 101.0 bushels per acre, down 9.1 bushels per acre from a year ago.

**Winter wheat** producers seeded 5,000 acres harvest in 2015, down from 8,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Acreage harvested for grain decreased 5,000 acres from last year to 2,000 acres in 2015. Winter wheat production is estimated at 206,000 bushels, down 71 percent from last year. Winter wheat yield, at 103.0 bushels per acre, is up 3.0 bushels per acre from last year.

**Durum wheat** seedings, at 145,000 acres, are up 68,000 acres from last year. Acreage harvested totaled 140,000 acres, up from 76,000 acres harvested last year. Durum wheat production is estimated at 14.14 million bushels, up 68 percent from last year. Durum wheat yield, at 101.0 bushels per acre, is down 10.0 bushels per acre from last year.

Arizona's **barley** seeded area, at 17,000 acres, is down 19,000 acres from last year. Harvested area, at 16,000 acres, is down 16,000 acres from 2014. Barley yield, at 120.0 bushels per acre is down 5.0 bushels per acre from last year. Barley production in 2015 is estimated at 1.92 million bushels, down 52 percent from the previous year.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**All wheat** production totaled 2.05 billion bushels in 2015, up 1 percent from the revised 2014 total. Area harvested for grain totaled 47.1 million acres, up 2 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 43.6 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2014 by type are winter wheat, 1.37 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent; other spring wheat, 599 million bushels, up less than 1 percent; and Durum wheat, 82.5 million bushels, up 53 percent.

**Winter wheat** production for 2015 totaled 1.37 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent from the revised 2014 total. The United States yield, at 42.5 bushels per acre, is down 0.1 bushel from 2014. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 32.3 million acres, down slightly from the previous year. A record high yield is estimated in Michigan for 2015.

Planted acreage was down from 2014 in most of the major Hard Red Winter (HRW) growing States. Particularly large decreases occurred in Colorado, Kansas, Montana, and North Dakota. Harvested acres were up across the Southern HRW region, with large increases in Oklahoma and Texas compared with 2014. Nationally, HRW production totaled 827 million bushels, up 12 percent from 2014.

In the Soft Red Winter (SRW) growing area, planted and harvested acreage decreases from 2014 were experienced throughout most of the region. SRW production totaled 359 million bushels, down 21 percent from 2014.

White winter production totaled 184 million bushels, up slightly from the previous year. Harvested acreage in the Pacific Northwest (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington) was down three percent from 2014. Yields were up from last year in Idaho and Washington.

**Durum wheat** production for 2015 is estimated at 82.5 million bushels, up 53 percent from the revised 2014 total. Grain area harvested totaled 1.90 million acres, up 41 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 43.5 bushels per acre, up 3.3 bushels from 2014. Production in North Dakota, the largest Durum-producing State, is up 50 percent from 2014. Durum wheat production in Montana for 2015 represents a record high for the State. A record high yield is estimated in North Dakota for 2015.

**Barley** production is estimated at 214 million bushels, up 18 percent from the revised 2014 total. Average yield per acre, at 68.9 bushels, is down 3.8 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 3.56 million acres in 2015, up 17 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 3.11 million acres, is up 25 percent from 2014.

For a full copy of the *Small Grains Summary* report please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).